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1 This opinion contains indications relating to the following items

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statements under Rule 43bis 1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2 FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. 1 Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability:
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1 Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2-8, 10-16	YES
	Claims	1, 9	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2-8, 10-16	YES
	Claims	1, 9	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-16	YES
	Claims		NO

2 Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP 2002-374352 A (NEC Communication System Co Ltd), 26 December 2002, description, paragraphs 0021-0028, drawings, Fig. 1

Document 2: JP 2001-309040 A (NTT Communications Corp), 02 November 2001, description, paragraphs 0006-0007

Document 3: JP 2002-320035 A (NEC Communication System Co Ltd), 31 October 2002, description, paragraph 0029

Document 4: WO 02/17658 A1 (VÄÄNÄNEN, Mikko Kalervo), 28 February 2002, claim 8

- Regarding Claims 1 and 9

Document 1 describes an answer recording service, wherein voice data is encoded in a terminal and sent to a data storage component via the internet and voice data is sent to a terminal from the data storage component.

Document 2 also describes technology similar to that in document 1.

On the basis of these descriptions, claims 1 and 9 do not appear to possess novelty or to involve an inventive step.

- Regarding Claims 2-8 and 10-16

Documents 1 and 2 do not describe converting the encoding of audio data in a voice mail device to match the transmission destination terminal.

Documents 3 and 4 describe converting the encoding of audio data to match the transmission destination terminal, but there is no further specific description, and therefore it is unclear whether or not an encoding method is selected for audio data by communicating with the transmission destination terminal.

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